CITY OF RENO ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL NEW BUSINESS ADVISEMENT

The Environmental Control Section regulates the quality and quantity of wastewater discharged into the wastewater facilities. All wastewater dischargers, domestic and industrial/commercial, to the City's wastewater facilities are subject to wastewater regulations, inspections, wastewater permits, enforcement and penalties (refer to City of Reno Municipal Code Section 12.16.520).

GENERAL INFORMATION. All new Business License applications and renewals are subject to review by the Environmental Control Section. You may be contacted by phone, in writing, or by onsite inspection to provide more information about your business operation. If your business uses a hazardous or toxic material, or if you generate a waste (other than domestic type sewage), then you may be regulated by Environmental Control. Please contact the Environmental Control Office at (775) 334-2168 for more specific information regarding prohibited discharges and limitations on wastewater strength (refer to the City of Reno Municipal Code Section 12.16.530 and 12.16.580).

GUIDELINES FOR FOOD SERVICE. Food service includes any establishment that prepares, packages, processes or serves food for ultimate consumption.

<u>New establishments</u>, including existing buildings that were remodeled into a food service operation, must install and maintain an approved grease interceptor. In general, all plumbing, excluding restrooms, must be plumbed through the grease interceptor. In addition, a garbage pad must be constructed with a drain system that is also plumbed to the grease interceptor. The size of the grease interceptor is calculated by a formula found in the Uniform Plumbing Code. The minimum size for all food service is 750 gallons [refer to the City of Reno Municipal Code Section 12.16.565.(b)].

<u>Existing establishments</u> that have an existing grease interceptor or grease trap must prove that the size of the grease trap/interceptor meets the sizing requirements and that all existing plumbing is plumbed correctly [refer to the City of Reno Municipal Code Section 12.16.565.(a)].

<u>Garbage Pad Specifications</u>. The pad must be raised or bermed with slope to a drain that is plumbed to the grease interceptor. The pad must be large enough to contain the garbage dumpster and rendering container. Roof drain leaders cannot drop onto the garbage pad.

All food service operations with a grease trap or grease interceptor will be inspected at least annually and an Environmental Control Permit will be issued. The permit will specify the frequency for cleaning and pumping the grease traps and grease interceptors. Annual permit fee is \$165.00. Permit fees are billed on the sewer bill.

GUIDELINES FOR SERVICE/REPAIR. Any shop that generates waste oil, solvent, paint thinner, parts washers, jet washers and hot tank wastes, etc., must capture and store this material for proper disposal. These materials cannot be discharged to the sewer or storm drain systems. In addition, these materials cannot be stored or placed where they may escape or leak into the sewer, storm drain, or groundwater. Secondary containment will be required on a case-by-case basis. Any floor drains in the service/repair area must be plumbed to an approved sand/oil interceptor. Or, by filling them in with concrete, the drains can be put out of service.

Any shop that wants to wash or hose down vehicles, equipment, or the shop floor must discharge the washwater into an approved sand/oil interceptor. No washwater is allowed to the storm drain system. The area used for washing must be adequately protected with a raised pad or bermed area so that stormwater does not enter the drain (refer to the City of Reno Municipal Code Section 12.16.555).

Service/repair shops that generate any of the above wastes or have a sand/oil interceptor will be inspected at least annually and an Environmental Control Permit will be issued. The permit will specify the frequency for pumping the sand/oil interceptor and will require receipts and/or manifests to be kept on file for the removal of wastes generated. Annual permit fee is \$165.00, large shops \$250.00. Permit fees are billed on the sewer bill.

GUIDELINES FOR PHOTO/X-RAY DEVELOPING. Shops include: print shops, graphic design, doctors, dentists, veterinarians, chiropractors, etc.

Any facility generating waste photo fix or other silver bearing solution, must capture this material for proper disposal. This material cannot be discharged to the sewer or storm drain system.

An Environmental Control Permit will be issued to any operation generating waste photo fix or other silver bearing solution. The permit will specify what wastes need to be collected. The annual permit fee will be \$165.00, large shops \$250.00. Permit fees are billed on the sewer bill.

CREDIT FOR NONSEWERED WATER. Credit for water that flows through the water meter, but does not get discharged to the sewer. Examples are: water used for irrigation, water used for makeup in chillers or boilers, water used for cooling and water used in a product (bottling). This water can be accounted for by the installation of a meter with a remote readout. The installation, repair and maintenance of these meters are the responsibility of the discharger. Quarterly readings of the meter will be obtained by City personnel and reasonable access to the meters must be provided. There will be a \$15.00 meter read charge per meter per quarter.

Another option for <u>irrigation purposes only</u> is an application for reduction based on square footage of the irrigated area. This reduction is applied to the second and third quarter sewer billings. This application can be obtained from the Environmental Control Office [refer to the City of Reno Municipal Code Section 12.16.130.(3)].